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Column One
By David Courtney

TODAY is the second anniversary of the Sino-Soviet treaty of "friendship, alliance and mutual assistance." When the treaty was signed and announced there were sniffs and contemptuous sneezing in Washington and London, where the new development had to be adjusted, on the one hand to theories of Mao Tse-tung's deviationism and on the other to the conviction that a treaty with Russia could only be a bill-of-sale humiliating to the other "high contracting" party. Since then, cautious counsels have stepped in. London, at any rate, is disposed to take the Sino-Soviet treaty seriously. Paris has always given it the weight of its own logic. Even the State Department, whenever poor Mr. Acheson can find a closed door to get behind, probably analyzes the implications and explicit terms of the treaty with due regard for their probable effects if the threat to bomb the Chinese mainland should be carried out or if the recommendations of the insatiable Mr. John Foster Dulles should be carried out.

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THE treaty binds each partner to give assistance to the other in case of an attack by Japan or by "any State uniting with Japan, directly or indirectly, in acts of aggression." The U.S. and allied forces at war in Korea operate from Japanese bases with the connivance and practical support of the Government in Tokyo. If, therefore, the Korean War should be extended to China, the Chinese would then seem to be within their rights, under the treaty, to claim that the enemy had "united" with Japan, and that Russia should intervene in the field. The Russians might be unwilling to do anything of the kind. They might try to escape their responsibilities and the risk of a major war by arguing that Japan's cooperation was a matter of duress and that Tokyo was not, in fact or theory, one of the aggressors. All this is quite possible; but it would be a daring Western Government that framed its policy on so vague a likelihood.

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IMPORTANT, too, in the West's calculations of Far Eastern prospects, is that provision of the treaty under which the Soviet agreed to give back to China full control of the Port Arthur naval base and the Manchurian trunk railways "immediately upon the conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan, and in any case not later than the end of 1952." The Soviet has controlled the naval base and the trunk railway system of Manchuria thanks to the terms of the Yalta agreement, which were subsequently ratified by the Chinese Nationalist regime of Chiang Kai-Shek. Their undertaking to withdraw by the end of 1952 was regarded as a very bright feather in the diplomatic cap of Mao Tse-tung, who is said to have been preparing steadily to take over, and operate, Port Arthur and the railways towards the close of this year. If the Russians do, indeed, honour this provision of the treaty, and abandon a forward position of exceptional strategic significance in the present delicate state of Power rivalries in the Far East, there should be left no doubt in anybody's mind of the profound reliance the two partners to the treaty have in each other's loyalty.

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THE combination of plain logic and plainer fact in China indicates a consolidation of Mao Tse-tung's authority over a vast area where no other regime's writ has run undivided since the days of the Manchus. For all practical purposes it is a united country. If its relations with the West are bad, its relations with Soviet Russia and even India seem to be steadily tightening. What good, therefore, can come of the kind of talk indulged in the other day by Mr. Dulles, who asked the U.S. to make clear its determination "not to allow the mainland of China to remain under Chinese control;" and who, foreseeing the rising pressure of Japanese mercantile need, urged that America should open the way to Japan's merchants and industrialists by "changing the character of the regime on the mainland." Any one man, even the Republican adviser to the Secretary of State, has a right now and then to be silly. A collective group of men acting as the General Assembly of the U.N. has no such right. Only by the sensible action of that collective group can China emerge from utter exclusion, with the chance of some reasonable relations with the rest of the world.

Accord Reached In Paris Parleys On Restitution

PARIS, Wednesday (INA).—General agreement was reached between members of the Praesidium of the Conference on Jewish Claims against Germany and representatives of the Government of Israel at meetings here, a communique announced today.

The communique announced that the Praesidium met here last Sunday in a session which ended today, with representatives of the Government of Israel to exchange views on the nature and scope of material claims against Germany. Subjects under review included the claims of the Government of Israel, the claims of individuals throughout the world for restitution and indemnification, and claims with respect to heirless and unclaimed property.

Also discussed were problems of procedure to be followed in future negotiations with the German Government, the communique said.

Prior to meeting with the Israel delegation, the Praesidium consulted with European members of the Executive Committee of the Conference and representatives of European member organizations of the Conference, the communique concluded.

The Israel delegation was headed by Mr. Moshe Sharett, with Drs. Robinson, P. Shinar and G. Josephtal participating.

Members of the Praesidium refused to amplify on the communique. A spokesman for the Israel delegation told INA that there were no definite plans for meeting with German delegates at present, and that such a move would not be kept secret or hidden. As soon as such arrangements are made the press will be notified, he said.

Members of the Praesidium were today preparing to leave for home except for Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who, it is thought, is leaving for London.

BONN PREPARING

BONN, Wednesday (UP). — The West German Government is completing month-long preparations for German-Israel negotiations on material restitution to Jews, officials said here today. The German-Jewish talks are scheduled to begin in March on "neutral territory," probably Belgium or Switzerland.

The Israel delegation will reportedly be headed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who has already contacted the Bonn Government and is expected to come to the West German capital later this month for preparatory negotiations.

Meanwhile, reports from Frankfurt today said the "Peace with Israel" movement got under way there today with an appeal to university students to "demonstrate goodwill toward world Jewry by concrete acts." The movement was started by Erich Lueth, Hamburg city official and founder of the "Peace with Israel" organization in West Germany.

Lueth today told the student body of Frankfurt University that "reconciliation between the German and Jewish peoples can be realized only if our good intentions are shown by concrete acts."

He said it was the duty of Germans to help the "thousands of persecuted Jews who found refuge in Israel" materially, and to support the Bonn Government when it follows its declared reparations policy, "which may be unpopular with large masses of Germans."

Truman Postponing Foreign Aid Request

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter). — President Truman is postponing his request to Congress for $7,-900m. for foreign economic and military aid until after the Lisbon meeting of NATO, according to press reports here.

Congressional leaders afraid of opposition in Congress to foreign aid spending, persuaded him to take this step, the reports said. They suggested the request might now be made about March 1.

Progress Made In Anglo-Egypt Talks

LONDON, Wednesday. — A trusted envoy of King Farouk conferred for 75 minutes with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today, and the Foreign Office reported later "some progress has been made in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute."

Amr Pasha, until recently Egyptian Ambassador here, brought special messages to Mr. Eden from both Farouk and his Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha. The contents of the messages were not disclosed.

In the course of their unusually long talk, Mr. Eden and Amr Pasha arranged to meet again before Tuesday, presumably to enable Amr Pasha to consult his Government over any proposals Mr. Eden may have made which might lead to a resumption of Anglo-Egyptian negotiations.

A Foreign Office spokesman refused to disclose precisely what the two men discussed beyond saying that "general developments in Cairo were reviewed."

Meanwhile, in Cairo the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, was received in audience by King Farouk this afternoon. No official communique was published, but reliable sources said Sir Ralph's visit was at a Palace request.

The Wafd Party will continue to support Premier Ali Maher's Government — but not "blindly," their newspaper, "Al Misri," said today.

Fuad Serag e-Din, Wafd Secretary-General and ex-Minister of the Interior, said the Premier of this decision last night, the paper said.

Cairo Radio quoted Maher Pasha as saying that he will not meet Sir Ralph Stevenson before Saturday, and that Amr Pasha will remain in London as long as his special task requires.

(AP, Reuter)

4 of 5 Iraqi Parties Oppose Oil Accord

BAGHDAD, Wednesday (AP). — Four out of five political parties today rejected the new oil agreement concluded between the Iraqi Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, which is now before Parliament for ratification.

Five members of the Istiklal (Independence) Party resigned from the House of Representatives in protest against the agreement. The National Democratic Party and the United Popular Front rejected the agreement in a joint statement, while the Umma Socialist Party similarly rejected the agreement.

The Constitutional Union party of Premier Nuri e-Said remains the only party supporting the oil agreement and pressing for its urgent ratification.

Eden, Sharett to Meet Shortly

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Wednesday. — Mr. Eliahu Elath, the Israel Minister, visited the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, at the Foreign Office today. Although nothing further is divulged officially, there is reason to believe the meeting prepared the ground for the conversations which Mr. Moshe Sharett is expected to have with Mr. Eden shortly.

Another visitor today was Amr Pasha, Egypt's recently recalled Ambassador, who is representing his country at the funeral but has not yet returned to his ambassadorial post. It is generally thought that he will be in charge of negotiations in London of the projected Anglo-Egyptian talks when they open.

Latest Cairo messages suggest the brief armistice between Premier Ali Maher and the Wafd is ending. There have been charges and counter-charges regarding the recent events, and the project of forming a "national front" to support the Cabinet in the forthcoming negotiations is losing ground.

This is not regretted here, where it was felt from the start that the talks would have a better chance of success if the Maher Government was unhampered by accredited back-seat drivers.

SHARETT TO LONDON

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. M. Sharett, is arriving here tomorrow to attend the funeral of King George. He will stay until Saturday evening, but the Israel Legation stated today that he did no expect to have talks with Mr. Eden.

Mr. Sharett is to return here on February 20 to launch the annual appeal for resettlement in Israel. He is due to meet Mr. Eden then.

Eban, Berry Discuss Mid-East Situation

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, reviewed "regional issues" yesterday with the Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Burton Berry.

Mr. Eban later told the press that this was the first of several meetings in which he expects to discuss with State Department officials the latest developments of the political and economic scene in the Middle East.

Asked whether Israel has given any further consideration to joining the Middle East Command, he said the matter had not been discussed recently, but the Israel Government was awaiting further developments before reaching any decision.

Meanwhile, President Truman today received Mr. Benjamin Browdy, President of the Z.O.A. Mr. Browdy declined that he had discussed aid to Israel with the President, and denied that the meeting under the Mutual Security Act which Mr. Truman will ask for Israel will be made known by March 15.

(UP, INA)

MRS. ROOSEVELT DUE TOMORROW

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is expected to enter Jerusalem at Mandelbaum Gate tomorrow afternoon. She is to be received by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion tomorrow evening.

Ben Gurion Introduces 3 Exchange Rates To Stabilize Currency, Step Up Exports

Main Points of New Policy

The main points of Government policy announced by the Prime Minister were :

- The current exchange rate of $2.80 to the pound, will be retained for purchase of wheat and other essential foods.
- The exchange for tourists, institutions and diplomats will be $1.40 to the IL.1, which will also be the rate for the import of meat, fish, coffee, tea, pharmaceuticals, seeds, and fertilizers.
- The rate for investors will be $1 per IL.1.
- Investors will not henceforth be required to turn over to the Treasury a dollar at the official rate of exchange for every dollar's worth of non-payment imports.
- Exporters will be able to retain part of the proceeds of foreign currency from overseas sales for the acquisition of raw materials. They will also be permitted to bring in raw materials as non-payment imports.
- The cost-plus system of calculating prices (production costs plus profits) will be dropped. It was found that this system caused a decline in the scale of productivity and in many cases unwarranted and excess profits. Prices will henceforth be fixed to allow greater profits for more efficient enterprises.
- Raw materials will also be distributed on the basis of the efficiency of the enterprise.
- Preference will be given to the import of essential foodstuffs and items needed for food production and agricultural expansion, e.g. pipes, fertilizers, seeds, etc.
- Piece-work will be introduced in public works in government projects wherever possible.

THE ECONOMIC AND FISCAL REFORMS ADOPTED BY THE CABINET ON SUNDAY AFTER FOUR WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS WERE MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY IN THE KNESSET BY PRIME MINISTER DAVID BEN GURION. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED NO MAJOR SURPRISES AS IT CONFORMED GENERALLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S BASIC OUTLINE OF POLICY APPROVED BY THE KNESSET IN OCTOBER, WITH STATEMENTS BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET IN RECENT WEEKS AND WITH PRESS FORECASTS. MR. BEN GURION MADE IT CLEAR AT THE OUTSET OF HIS HOUR-LONG ADDRESS THAT HE WAS NOT BRINGING TIDINGS OF SALVATION, REVOLUTIONS OR INNOVATIONS. "THESE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING BEFORE OUR EYES... OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS," HE SAID. THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S MONETARY REFORMS WHICH HE SAID WERE DESIGNED TO STABILIZE THE CURRENCY AND ENCOURAGE EXPORTS. AS PREDICTED, THERE WILL BE THREE DIFFERENT RATES : $2.80, $1.40, AND $1 PER POUND.

Mr. Ben Gurion defined the three basic economic problems as curbing inflation, encouraging the flow of investment capital and increasing productivity.

As a far-reaching step against inflation, he announced that the total budget including that of the army would be balanced this year "no matter what." Thus the entire security budget, part of which has hitherto been secret, will be included in the ordinary budget covered by international revenue, while the development budget will be covered by surpluses from internal revenue, grants and loans.

He reiterated the pledge that no more treasury bills or land bonds (two elements in the inflation) will be issued. The Government will see to it that credits serve mainly to increase agricultural and industrial production.

As economy measures he promised the dismissal of 1,500 civil servants without affecting Government services and said that the working-week of the officials would be increased to 47 hours.

The Prime Minister promised improved collection of income tax through assessment committees and severe punishment of tax-evaders. Court procedure would also be speeded up against black marketeers.

Mr. Ben Gurion expressed satisfaction at the Histadrut decision that wherever possible wage levels should be based on production norms and premiums... and that wage increases should on the whole depend upon increased output.

He revealed that yesterday morning agreement had been reached between the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association on the establishment of efficiency production boards and promised that the Government would introduce a law based on this agreement.

Other announcements covered the establishment of an Economic Advisory Council as called for in the Government programme; an Export Institute as a counterpart to the Investment Centre; and an Export Bank which will accept deposits in foreign exchange for loans to exporters.

Mr. Ben Gurion defended the Government's economic policy stating that austerity, rationing and controls had enabled the State to carry the triple burden of security, immigration and a decent standard of living. He rejected the opposition groups' suggested cures claiming that neither all-out expropriation of Israeli resources as proposed by the Left nor opening the doors wide to private enterprise as advocated by the Right would help.

The $723,776,595 deficit in the balance of trade since May, 1948, which had forced the state to rely on foreign aid to maintain its balance of payments, had been caused by three factors: the high cost of military preparedness; the expense of organizing the State; the absorption of multitudes of immigrants without means of their own.

Great Development

A great part of the imports of the past three years has been invested in solid assets —in industry, agriculture and communications—which will increase the country's productive capacity; they will bear fruit in the next few years and some have already done so this year, Mr. Ben Gurion declared. The country would be self-sufficient in chemical fertilizers in two years, he predicted, and phosphates would be exported in considerable quantities before that.

In the 70 years of settlement which preceded Israel's establishment, the Prime Minister said, less than 300 settlements had been created and less than half-a-million dunams of soil brought under cultivation. In less than four years, the number of agricultural settlements has been doubled, and 2,500,000 dunams cultivated, of which 500,000 dunams were cultivated by Arab residents.

This feat is "perhaps the greatest and most constructive enterprise of the Jewish people in our generation and was carried out by the Jews of Yemen, Morocco, Iraq, Turkey, Tunis — by Egyptian Jews and East European Jews — with a supplement of halutzim from England, America, Argentina, South Africa and Western Europe."

Mr. Ben Gurion mentioned the increase in the size and improvement in the calibre of the defence forces on land and sea and in the air.

Since its founding two years ago, Nahal has set up 15 settlements in the Southwest and Northeast, creating "a security chain of human steel along vulnerable borders." New Nahal settlements are springing up in the Araba, in the Southern Negev near Elath, and on the shore of the Dead Sea.

The Gadna student youth brigades are following in the footsteps of Nahal. The Gadna farm at Be'er Orah, some 30 kilometers North of Elath, "is one of the most wondrous of legends to have come to living materialization."

Through its educational and organizational activities — through the agricultural training institutions of Nahal and Gadna, through its programme of physical training, language instruction and inculcation of pioneering values, patriotism and a spirit of heroism and human fellowship, the Army has been a central force in the ethnic fusion of the masses of new immigrants.

A 10-hour debate on the Prime Minister's speech will be opened in the Knesset on Monday.

'Working Off' Inflation

By a Financial Correspondent

The introduction of multiple exchange rates is not a new method for dealing with Israel's foreign exchange problem. The large gap between the official exchange rate of the Israel pound and its internal purchasing power has been apparent for some time, and in fact has been expressed in various "unofficial" but recognized exchanges, for example the investment rate, tourist rate, imports without payment etc.

Yesterday's announcement was therefore in the nature of an official recognition of the existing position, to permit a certain stream-lining of the procedure in dealing with foreign exchange matters which has hitherto been rather involved and based on individual negotiations in particular cases.

Israel as an importing country has, of course, tried to avoid for as long as possible a complete devaluation which would lead to an immediate rise of her entire price level. Actually, the export deficit has been largely covered by donations, foreign loans and capital imports. As long as the exchange rate remained unaltered, this income of foreign currency was translated into a much too-low Israel Pound equivalent, and a premium had to be paid in some instances.

The "old" rate of $2.80 remains in force now only for the most essential foodstuffs, including in addition to flour: fats, egg and milk powder and sugar. This means that there will be no increase in price in these basic imports.

On the other hand, meat, fish, tea, coffee and other foods will be brought in at the $1.40 rate, which will result in the approximate doubling of the present retail price.

Banks Informed

The Exchange Controller yesterday circulated to the banks a three-page list of the commodities in these two categories, namely $2.80 and $1.40. All imports of godes not listed, including fuel, building materials, paper etc. will be in the third category, namely $1 per IL.1. The division of imports into each of the three categories has been made on the basis of the amounts of currency available to the Treasury at each of the three rates at which it will be acquired, thus striking a balance in each of the three groups.

The system of import licences will, of course, be maintained for all goods, but non-payment imports have been made less expensive by abolishing the requirement to sell to the Treasury an equal amount of foreign currency at the $2.80 rate. On the other hand, the public institutions which for a long time have suffered from the unrealistic official rate at which their funds raised abroad were transferred here, will now realise twice as many pounds as before.

Multiple exchange rates may be regarded basically as a system of taxes and subsidies, and thus they affect the distribution of income and the pattern of production and consumption. Whereas for a few of the most essential commodities no change has taken place, other goods will have to be paid for at a higher price, thus making them much more expensive to the consumer. As a very wide range of articles will be covered by the second and third categories, the consequent general rise of the price level will in a comparatively short time mean higher wages and more money in circulation.

Lower Living Standard

The ultimate effect may be a lower standard of living, as the present income tax system should prevent net income from going up sufficiently to cover the higher prices of commodities.

It is hoped, however, that some of the goods to be bought at the new rates may be cheaper than hitherto since a large percentage of consumers' goods and raw materials has been purchased at much higher unofficial exchange rates. In the present stage of inflation, where income has risen higher than the price-level, the arresting of the spiral cannot be accomplished by artificially keeping down prices as in the practice in the early stages. The method now being introduced would seem to be that of "working off inflation" by permitting a certain increase in prices which will absorb some of the money in circulation, but will not be entirely reflected in higher wages.

Much will thus depend on how successfully the other measures mentioned by the Prime Minister will be applied, such as economies in the State's the budget, the pegging of wages to production non-productive employment and chiefly the promised increase in productivity and exports.

Statistics on State-Building

FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADDRESS.

Development investments in the last three years reached IL.168m., of which IL.46,772,000 went for agriculture, IL.34,647,000 for industry, IL.17,583,000 for communications, more than IL.36m. for immigrant housing, IL.7m. for other housing and more than IL.18m. for public works.

About 71,000 permanent housing units were established for immigrants and another 57,000 temporary units — a total of 128,000 units at a cost of IL.73,000,000.

About 550 kilometres of new roads were paved and 535 kilometres of existing roads were broadened and repaired.

Rich stores of natural resources have been found in the Negev—phosphates, copper, manganese, sulphur, ball clay, and iron.

The national income has, from 1948 to the end of 1951, increased from IL.150m. to IL.440m. The number of wage earners rose from 200,000 to 310,000.

About 123,000 tons of fodder barley, oats, corn and maize were grown this year, as compared with 32,700 tons last year; all crops—12,000 tons as compared with 180 tons; vegetables — 235,000 tons instead of 145,000; potatoes—52,000 tons instead of 36,000; 12,000 tons of sugar beets, a new crop.

Collective, cooperative and private farming units, which numbered 16,000 before the State's establishment and which now number more than 41,000 in Jewish hands and 15,000 in the Arab sector, should increase by another 5,000 units this year.

Another 230,000 dunams were brought under irrigation—a doubling of the area of irrigated land in less than four years.

Vegetable and fodder areas increased from 194,000 dunams to 240,000 dunams.

Since the establishment of the state, 32 million trees have been planted by the J.N.F., the Army, the Government and private persons on about 125,000 dunams.

The 600 tractors in the country at its inception have increased by about 5,000.

Rice Bran, which in 1948 headed 1,000 tons, hauled 1,500,000 tons in 1951.

Lydda Airport has become an international aviation centre, servicing 3,500 planes in 1951, as compared with 1,700 in 1949.

Israel planes, which in 1949 carried 2,500 passengers, last year flew 31,000.

The Israel Merchant Fleet, which in 1948 numbered four ships, totalling 6,600 tons and with 180 workers, grew in 54 ships of 120,000 tons and 1,200 workers.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Wage-earners in industry numbered 119,000 last year as compared with 80,000 in 1949.

IL.20,250,000 worth of industrial machinery has been imported.

Some 1,250 industrial enterprises employing 15,400 labourers were set up in the first 32 months of the country's existence. Of these, 25 employ more than 14 labourers and five employ more than 101.

The Investment Centre, in the 21 months from its founding in March, 1950, until the end of 1951, authorized 651 new enterprises establishing investments totalling IL.-94m., of which IL.8m. came from the Government (including funds from the American Export-Import Bank loan), IL.37m. in local capital, IL.39m. private capital from abroad (IL.14.5m. of which is capital from the U.S. and Canada transferred at the rate of exchange of $2.80 to IL.1). Of the approved enterprises, 130 are already in production and another 97 have completed their plants and will start production shortly. The output of the plants already in operation or about to be activated is estimated at an annual value of IL.53m. in the first stage of their development.

EDUCATION

Some 161,600 Jewish children and 29,126 Arab children are this year studying in primary schools, as compared with 66,697 Jewish pupils and 6,764 Arab pupils in 1948-49. In secondary schools, there are 16,017 students this year, as compared with 11,000 in 1948. The 2,155 students in vocational schools in 1948 have more than quadrupled, this year's figure being 9,500. The educational budget has grown from IL.22,000,000 in 1948-49 to IL.-8,250,115 this year.

HEALTH

The current health budget is IL.21.5m., as compared with less than IL.5m. in 1948-49.

The infant mortality rate, despite overcrowding in immigrant camps, dropped steadily from 61.7 per thousand in 1948 to 49.8 per thousand in 1950 to 38.2 per thousand in 1951.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Imports of equipment, housing material, agricultural implements, railroad vehicles, machinery, educational and health needs, food and raw materials from the beginning of 1949 through November, 1951, cost $622,651,573 (IL.-295,929,-133). Exports during the same period totalled $184,834,980 (IL.-87,437,493). The deficit of $723,776,-593 (IL.350,491,640) was covered by donations, loans, grants and capital imports.

CURRENCY UP BY 3 MILLION

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — For the second successive week, currency in circulation rose by IL.3m. to IL.-110,407,738,500. Treasury bills rose during the week from IL.29,510,000 to IL.32,510,000, while the country's foreign currency reserves remained unchanged at IL.761,738,500.

TOURIST SERVICE CHANGED

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Following the introduction of the new currency exchange rate for tourists, the State of Israel Tourist Department tonight announced the following changes in the STI (Service for Tourists in Israel) scheme which will become effective from tomorrow.

- All Letters of Credit obtained by tourists prior to today's date are hereby cancelled;
- Letters of Credit obtained prior to today's date may be exchanged according to the new tourist rate of exchange at the following branches of the Bank Leumi: Tel Aviv: 19 Rehov Herzl, 17 Rehov Ben Yehuda; Haifa: 90 Jaffa Road, 33 Rehov Herzl; Jerusalem: Jaffa Road, near Central Post Office;
- Letters of Credit obtained from today will be marked with a red line on the section containing the detachable counterfoils,
- The reduction of 25 per cent hitherto given on certain services under the STI scheme is cancelled. Henceforth, tourists will benefit from the new tourist rate of exchange whose terms are considerably more advantageous.
- Tourists obtaining Letters of Credit from today will continue to benefit from non-austerity meals and from coupon free purchases at all enterprises listed under STI.

CONSUMERS WARNED ON PRICE RISES

The new system of exchange rates which became effective yesterday does not give sellers the right to raise prices on present stocks, the Ministry of Commerce announced yesterday. Prices can be changed only by competent government authority.

Import goods will be categorized and an appropriate foreign currency exchange rate will be fixed for each group, it was announced.

MEAT RATIONS IN COMING MONTHS

Two, and possibly three monthly rations may be distributed during the next few months, Ministry of Commerce sources disclosed in Jerusalem yesterday. Additional Passover meat rations are to be issued in April, it was stated.

It is hoped that this month's rations, with the possible exception of fats, will be in shops before the end of the month.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Jorge Garcia Granados, accompanied by Mr. A. Hanne, Director of the Latin American Department of the Foreign Ministry, paid a courtesy call yesterday on Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at his office in Jerusalem. Dr. and Mrs. Granados were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by Mr. Ya'acov Herzog, Adviser for Jerusalem Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, at the Israel Touring Club in Talbieh. Dr. Granados was also at the Knesset in the afternoon.

The following appointments have been published in the Official Gazette: Supreme Court Judge Shmuel Z. Chesin to be Chairman of the Advisory Committee for purposes of the Emergency Regulations, to replace the late Judge M. Dunkelblum; Mr. M. Dear and Mr. S. Cohen, Registrars of the Magistrate's Court in Tel Aviv-Jaffa; Dr. Ernst Gottfried, Dr. Edgar Heilbronner and Dr. Y. Landau have been appointed Medical Advisers in matters of Workmen's Compensation.

Mr. M. Perez, who is leaving the post as Custodian of Abandoned Property, was yesterday presented with a Jewish National Fund Golden Book certificate by members of his staff.

Mr. Kamal Kassem, a Druze student of the Hebrew University and the parliamentary correspondent of the Jaffa Arabic daily "El Yom," as been awarded a IL.100 Magnes scholarship for academic excellence in the past two years.

Dr. Ignacio Winitzky, of Buenos Aires, will speak on "Constitutional Developments in the Argentine and Uruguay" at 8.15 tonight at Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem.

Mr. Albert Stora will lecture on "The Jews in French Literature" at the Centre de Culture Francaise, Jerusalem, at 5.30 p.m. today. M. Rene Neuville, French Consul General, will be in the chair.

Mr. Yehuda Gur, head of the Traffic Department, Israel Police Force, will speak on "Traffic in Israel" at today's luncheon meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

HERZOG—SHCHOR

The marriage of Rabbi Jacob Herzog and Miss Penina Shchor will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 18 Shevat (Feb. 14), at Bet Hamsodim, Rehov Nachmani, Tel Aviv.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The following promotions have been approved of the Hebrew University:

To professorships: Dr. A. Dvoretzky (Mathematical Statistics and the Theory of Probability); Dr. M. Evenari (Botany); Dr. J. Levitzky (Mathematics); Dr. H. J. Polotsky (Semitic Philology and Egyptology); Dr. A. Reifenberg (Soil Science); and Dr. M. Zohary (Botany).

To associate professorships: Dr. T. Rayss (Botany); Dr. J. J. Rivlin (Arabic Language and Literature); and Dr. J. Schirmann (Hebrew Literature).

To lectureships: Dr. S. Aizenstadt (Sociology); Dr. N. Feinbrun (Botany); Mr. I. Halpern (Jewish History); Dr. J. Prawer (Mediaeval History); and Dr. H. Wirszubski (Classics).

Dr. Z. Avidov has been appointed Lecturer in Agricultural Entomology. Dr. Aizenstadt, Dr. Avidov, Professor Dvoretzky, Dr. Feinbrun, Mr. Halpern, Dr. Prawer and Dr. Wirszubski hold degrees from the Hebrew University.

First Woman Consul Here

Mrs. Sara McDonald, the first woman to join the Jerusalem Consular Corps, was recently appointed U.S. Vice-Consul. Mrs. McDonald, whose last post was in London, has been with the State Department for the last 18 years. *(ITIM)*

Swiss Rate Down To 1.70 Francs

After being quoted for more than a week on the Geneva exchange at 1.75 Swiss francs, the Israel pound dropped slightly to 1.70 (30 cents), at the end of last week. Quotations on February 9 were:

United States (dollar)	4.30
Canada (dollar)	4.38
Great Britain (pound)	10.80
France (100 fr.)	0.95½
West Germany (100 mk.)	97.00
Belgium (100 fr.)	7.91
Holland (100 guilder)	104.25
Sweden (100 krones)	59.50
Italy (100 lire)	0.67½
Austria (100 sch.)	13.40
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.05
Denmark (100 kr.)	59.75
Norway (100 kr.)	58.25
Egypt (Eg. pound)	9.60
Syria (Syr. pound)	1.50
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.45
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.40
Argentina (100 pesos)	16.60
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	34.65
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.50

Steel Casting Plant Will Save Currency

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Israel will have its first steel and precision casting plant, when the Dok Precision Industries Ltd., an American investment, begins production here in about three months. Equipped with electric arc furnaces, the plant will melt and cast steel and non-ferrous industrial alloys in units of up to 45 kilograms, primarily tools, machine and automobile parts. Surgical and other instruments will be cast by precision methods later on.

Most of the American-made equipment is already in Haifa and is now being installed at the Bayside Land Corporation's Industrial Centre, where the company has leased 200 square metres of factory space and an 800 square metre yard. The production process is largely mechanized and only about a dozen men will be needed for a single shift.

"Our chief raw material, steel scrap, is abundant here, and initial production capacity is below the country's needs. Our plant is designed for expansion, however," Mr. Haim Gershoni, a Chicago-born engineer and managing director of the company, said. The Dok Productions is directed by Mr. Isaac Marshall, an expert metallurgist from Britain. The pair estimate that their enterprise will save well over IL.100,000 a year in foreign exchange and, later, at production expands.

"Export prospects are excellent, and our enterprise has received the blessing of the Investment Centre," Mr. Gershoni said. "But our experience with the encouragement of foreign investments by Government departments has been sorely disappointing. But we melt steel and we'll melt even red tape in the end," he added.

SAFE ROOMS FOR UNSAFE HOUSES

POST Reporter

Construction will begin next week of 32 rooms in Rehov Shmuel Hanavi in Jerusalem to house families who have been evacuated from unsafe houses, Dr. L. Berger, city engineer, said yesterday. The project, which will give shelter to about 150 persons, is expected to be completed in about two months.

The housing units will be built of cement with every family receiving one room and small kitchen. A W.C., which will also have a shower, will be built outdoors for every four families, Dr. Berger said.

The Municipal Council has appropriated IL.20,000 for the project. It is possible that more units will have to be added if the city engineers discover more unsafe houses.

Truman Asks Extension Of Price, Wage Checks

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — (Reuter) — President Truman has asked Congress for a two year extension of price and wage controls, until mid-1954.

In a special message to Congress, he declared that the U.S. must prevent the "fires of inflation from breaking out."

ON THE AIR

English News: 2 and 9.30 p.m.
4 p.m. Musical Miniatures (R). 4.30 The Andrews Sisters (R). 4.45 Programme for Youngsters. 5.00 Light Music (R). 5.35 Children's Hour. 6.45 Bible Reading. 6.55 "Where to Go" (Jerusalem). 6.45 Light Music (T.A.). 6.45 Violin Recital: Sascha Puras. 7.45 Ed Lang (R). 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 The Knesset and Its Committees: Talk by Z. H. Kraz. 9.00 Questions and Answers. 9.45 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Shabtai Petrushka. Soloist: Shoshana Stoshan. 'Lejer Music and Songs. 10.30 Vocal Recital: Edith Gelebter-Leicht. 11.05 Close Down.
Immigrants' Hour (33.3 & 462 M.): 6.30 p.m. French; 7.00 p.m. Ladino; 7.30 p.m. Yiddish; 8.00 pm. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.
ARMY PROGRAMMES (210, 225 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.35 Request Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Vocal Recital: Rella Zeldind. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 Military Quiz. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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New Silo Starts Going Up

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The ground was broken last week for the construction of a 25m. grain silo in the Port, on a 2,000 square metre site, adjoining the Central Railway Station and extending westward, parallel to the railway line. The project will be undertaken by the Dagon Batey Mamgerot Le-Israel Ltd., which was granted a 22-year concession by the Government last year, after three years of negotiations.

The large structure, whose most prominent feature will be a 54 metre tower, will take about a year to complete, if the Ministry of Commerce provides in time the necessary building materials, among them 2,500 tons of cement and 750 tons of iron.

The Prime Minister, the Minister of Communications and his senior officials have intervened to speed the long-delayed execution of the project which according to Government estimates will save the Treasury $250,000 in foreign exchange every month. In 1952 alone, total grain imports, including animal fodder and seeds, are forecast to reach 350,000 tons, which are the equivalent of 35 shiploads.

Suction Pumps

With the aid of pneumatically operated suction pipes, the modern silo will discharge a 10,000 grain ship in about 20 hours. The present expensive method of unloading bulk grain by manual labour requires between a fortnight and three weeks, running up high demurrage charges and taking up valuable anchorage space. The silo can transfer the grain mechanically into specially rebuilt 40 ton railwaycars, of which the Railways possess a fleet, at the rate of 150-200 tons an hour. Storage capacity is 16,000 tons, and designed fast expansion by another 24,000 later on.

The silo will save the Government about $7 a ton by enabling it to import grains in bulk instead of in bags. The silo will also indirectly extend the Port's quayage by quickening the turnaround of grain vessels considerably.

A Swiss engineer, Mr. Rudolf Stoerli who is technical adviser of Dagon and chief engineer of Neptun, a Basel firm, the largest Swiss silo operating company, has arrived here together with two experts of Buehler Brothers, of Switzerland, suppliers of the silo machinery, as consultants during construction. The machinery, brought before the outbreak of the Korean war, will arrive as the building nears completion.

The Dagon Company has a fully subscribed share capital of IL.650,000, nearly one half in foreign currency, at the rate of $2.80 to IL.1. The company also has an option on the building and operating of grain silos in all other Israel ports.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

6-1; 4-9: Jewish National Fund Jubilee Exhibition "A People and its Land", Artists House.
3-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Rosenna Bus 3A. Feeding time: 2-3 p.m.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition of Paintings by Max W. Arnold. Also Exhibit of the Month: Drawings by A. Modigliani. Bezalel Museum.
9-5: Archaeological Exhibition: Dept. of Antiquities: 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Schulchin Tzuba.
11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel. Keren Hayesod Head Office.

TEL AVIV

7 & 9.30 p.m.: George Vas presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lica Grunberg. Yaska Heilett Hall.
8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men": Chamber Theatre, Meyrahi Hall.
9.30 p.m.: Larry Adler: Ohel Shem.

HAIFA

4 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.
11-1; 4-8: Exhibition (paintings & sculptures) by Haifa artists. Municipal Museum (Town Hall).

RAMATAYIM

8 p.m.: "Li-La-Lo News": Li-La-Lo Theatre, Bet Hapoalim.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 6.30 & 8.30
ARNON: Anna Get Your Gun.
EDEN: The Tears of New Orleans.
EDISON: Mad Wednesday.
ORION: Fighting Man of the Plains.
SEMADAR: The Young Guard (5.30 & 8.30).
STUDIO: Feast (Le Baruto du Diable).
ZION: Samson and Delilah.

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February 27, 8 p.m.
Tickets: Cohen's, Jerusalem; "Mimlon," 101 Allenby Rd. "Ezrati," 60 Allenby Rd., Tel Aviv.

Yesterday's Press Review:

Wisdom of Military Rule Queried

The wisdom of the Knesset's decision to continue the military administration of Arab-populated areas is questioned by "Ha'aretz," (Independent) and attacked sharply by "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) which calls for an intensified struggle for the abolition of military rule.

"Ha'aretz," while attaching great importance to the recommendations of the General Staff and of other advisers, insists that the Knesset is not obliged to renounce its freedom of action. Military administration, the paper feels, has not made a decisive contribution to our security. Espionage and anti-Israel instigation continue in these regions, and one feels that continuation of military rule only adds fuel to the fire.

It is difficult to rationalize the Knesset's action with the Prime Minister's non-discrimination assurance, "Ha'aretz" hopes that the ministerial committee on the status of Israel Arabs will find the means to abolish military administration.

Better Living Conditions

The National Insurance Bill introduced in the Knesset is regarded by "Davar" (Histadrut) as further testimony of the progressive character of Israel and a step towards bringing in the entire population the improved living conditions and security which the Histadrut has, since its inception, pioneered for its own members. "Hatzofeh" (Agudat Israel) criticizes the bill's extension of the benefits of a "wife" to common-law wives.

Chief Justice Smoira's letter to the Knesset Speaker moves "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) to observe that, whereas the Minister of Justice's Knesset statements about the judiciary lacked elementary good manners, the Chief Justice's view on the paramount authority of the law is rather abstract. Israel's law is in the process of creation, and it reflects the social and economic basis of the country at the present time. For this reason, the paper feels, the law can and must be subject to public criticism. "Al Hamishmar" urges the judiciary to free itself of the prevailing British legal tradition and the general tendency of courts in capitalist countries to defend the interests of the ruling class.

The Paris correspondent of "Haboker" (General Zionist) reports that the Paris Communist paper "Humanite" recalled its special correspondent from Egypt a few days after his arrival there and replaced him with a non-Jew on the advice of Egyptian Communists that a Jew, no matter what his political complexion, would be persona non grata in the eyes of nationalists.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Schneider, 18 Ben Yehuda, 3641. Merkazi, Bet Israel, 2465.
Tel Aviv: Malchi-Sedeky, 7 Ben Yehuda, 4953. Rambatz, 19 Nahlat Benyamin. Hagalil, 80 Ben Yehuda, 3348. Shore, 26 Ahad Ha'am, 4128. Barsuk, Hatikva Qr., 67905. Gabbia (Jaffa), 19 Rehov 4, 80479. Ramat Yitzhak Aktzaum, Rehov Yerushalayim. Nahlat Yitzhak Fisherman, opp. Bedcish factory.
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TA HAPOEL BEATEN IN LEAGUE GAME

The big surprise of Saturday's Israel Football Association League A games was the defeat of Tel Aviv Hapoel by Petah Tikva Maccabi, 3-0, at Petah Tikva. The Tel Avivians lost Alalouf through injury in the fortieth minute and played with ten men for the rest of the match.

The game was sharp and fast, played before 2,500 spectators. In the 36th minute Schneidmeyer gave the home side the lead. In the second half Spiegel netted twice, to end the scoring. As a result of their win Petah Tikva moved from 7th to 5th spot in the table.

Y. Glazer scored three of the six goals in Tel Aviv Maccabi's 6-1 home win, before a crowd of 4,000, against Tel Aviv Bataa. The leaders of the League were not expected to have gained such a runaway win against the second placed side, but the Bataa defence, especially their goal-keeper, were very weak and let the penetrating Maccabi forwards have it all their own way. In fact the game was well on to half before the end of time, satisfied in getting a 5-0 halftime lead and then adding three more in the second period. Mirzanovitch, Israeli and Sredjovsky scored for the winners and Nissim for Bataa.

The other two games brought 1-1 draws. At Jaffa Rehovot Maccabi and Ramat Gan Hapoel each scored once in the first half, through Lavuk and Herzl respectively. At Haifa, the local Maccabi had to be satisfied with a one-all draw, with the goals again coming in the first forty five minutes, when acting as hosts to Nathanya Maccabi. Tendovsky netted for the home team and Miller for the visitors.

Following these games the positions in the League A table are: 1) T.A. Macc. 15 points from 9 games; 2) T.A. Bataa, 12 from 9; 3) Rehovot Maccabi, 11-9; 4) Haifa Hap., 11-8; 5) Petah Tikva Macc., 10-6; 6) Petah Tikva Hap., 10-8; 7) T.A. Hap., 9-6.

High Scoring

The League B games featured some high scoring. Honours went to Hadera Hapoel who won 7-1 at home against Kiryat Haim Hapoel in a Northern District affray. In the same section Zichron Ya'acov Maccabi gained a fine away win, beating Haifa Hapoel Dror 4-2. Jerusalem Betar hit the high spots in the Southern District of this league with a 6-2 home win against Tel Aviv Hakoah, after leading 4-0 halftime. Birnbaum was their outstanding player. Jerusalem Maccabi too figured in a good win when they travelled to Jaffa to defeat the local Hapoel side by 4-1. Kfar Saba Hapoel revived after being 0-1 down halfway against Sha'arayim Maccabi at Rehovot to score four times in the second period and win 4-1. Jerusalem Hapoel went down by 2-1 at Ra'anana to the local Hapoel after being 0-2 behind at the change-over. Ramat Gan Maccabi netted five times in the second period in their home match against Ness Ziona Maccabi to win by a one-all halftime score by a 6-1 victory. (Main results given Monday). MORE RESULTS: League B (North): Balfouria Hap. 1, Nathanya Hap. 0 (1-0). Youth League: Rehovot Macc. Even 2, T.A. Macc. 6; Rehovot Hap. 1, T.A. Bataa Yehuda 1; League C: Hedera Hap. 1, Jaffa Betar 0 (0-0); Jerusalem League Y.M.C.A. 3, Macc. Bar Kochba 0 (2-0). Friendly: Ness Ziona Macc. res. 2, N. Ziona Hap. res. 1 (1-0). A.K.

HANDBALL

Rehovot Maccabi Yehuda won a "blitz" handball competition at Rishon le Zion over the week-end beating Haifa Maccabi 9-2 in the final. Nine teams took part.

WINTER GAMES START TODAY

The Olympic Winter Games are due to start at Oslo, Norway, today. Until a day or so ago, officials were worried whether conditions would be sufficiently good; but an anticipated fall of snow following the blizzard which hit Central Europe and was moving towards Norway was expected to provide a solution.

In the meantime the Executive Committee of the International Olympics Committee met in secret session at Oslo on Monday to discuss the problem created by the refusal of the Trustees of the Melbourne cricket ground to make the ground available for the 1956 Summer Games. This may mean that Australia will lose the Summer Games and, instead of Melbourne, an American City may gain the right to stage the foremost sporting event.

At the meeting at which Melbourne was chosen, sentiment was strong to send the Games to the United States, but the bidding between American cities — chiefly Detroit (which then had the official support of the U.S. Olympic Committee), Minneapolis and Los Angeles, became so spirited that the I.O.C. turned to Australia as a compromise. The full Olympic Committee, the only group empowered to deal with such a situation, was due to meet this week.

Hapoel Boxing

A large crowd of spectators watched a fine boxing show put on by Hapoel at Hapoel House Tel Aviv last Friday. The best affair was produced in the welter weight contest in which Ben Haim (Haifa) gained a narrow verdict over Herman (Jerusalem). There were two technical knock-out victories.

RESULTS: Flyweight: Finkelstein (Haifa) beat Shemtov (Jaffa) on points; Bantam: Oved (H'fa) beat Levy (Jaffa); Feather: Stern (J'lem) beat M. Cohen (Migdal Gad) on a technical k.o. in the first round; Lightweight: Siman Ben Shahat (Migdal Gad) drew with Mandel (Jaffa); Welter: Azulai (J'lem) drew with Zion (Tel Aviv), Ben Haim (H'fa) beat Herman (J'lem); Middleweight: Zachin bt. Klein (Sdot) on a tech. k.o. in the third round; Gabi Held (H'fa) beat Greenberg (T. A.); Lightheavyw: Zeid (H'fa) bt. Na'aza (Mosher Kochav) on points.

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COMPANY REPORT

The General Mortgage Bank of Palestine Ltd.

The Annual General Meeting of the General Mortgage Bank of Palestine Ltd. took place on Sunday, February 10, 1952, in the offices of Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.

The Chairman (Mr. S. Hoofien) referred to the fact that the Bank had been in existence for 30 years and he divided this period as follows:

The first ten years were of necessity a period of preparation and slow development, as the public savings were as yet not significant, and the public had not yet learned to invest part of them in debentures of the Mortgage Bank. The second period 1932-1938 was one of rapid growth. The third period 1939-1945 was again one of contraction, as the war severely limited building activities. The fourth period 1946-7 was one of renewed expansion motivated by fairly large building activity and the last period 1948-51, was one during which the gradual reduction of the buying power of the local currency discouraged savings and investment in the Bank's debentures.

Mr. Hoofien then went on to discuss the present monetary position and he pointed out that the growth in the circulation of bank notes plus the outstanding sight deposits calculated per head of the population were in no way in excess of the rise in prices and wages. The rising prices, he thought, had mainly been brought about by the unavoidable reduction of supplies per capita and could not be affected, still less remedied, by an artificial cut in the means of exchange, i.e. note circulation and bank deposits. We ought not to overlook the considerable exertions that have been made to counteract the inflationary factors which weigh on our economy; the decision to stop the issue of Treasury Bills and Land Bonds, the relatively successful effort to balance the budget of the current year and the resolute approach in the same direction in respect of next year's budget, the Independence Bonds Issue and the American Grant.

Continuing, Mr. Hoofien referred to the warning which had lately been uttered in authoritative quarters against the dangerous deterioration in the quality of building and building materials with which he fully identified himself.

He then referred to the considerable activity displayed by the Bank during the year under review in the field of popular housing and also made short reference to the Bank's efforts to facilitate the building of such hotels as may be expected to encourage the tourist traffic.

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Ministry of Communications: Notice No. 22/Zadok.
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Deputy Director of the Area Licensing Office, Grade 6, Tel Aviv.
Ministry of Labour: Notice No.15/Samech
Deputy Area Engineer, Grade 5, Beersheba.
Two Area Supervisors, Grade 6 Beersheba Electricity and Mechanical Supervisor, Grade 6, Beersheba.
Further details are published in "Recruitment," and are also available at the Civil Service Commission, Examinations Department, Bet Silberstein, next to Bank Leumi Le-Israel, Jerusalem. Candidates should submit their applications to the Civil Service Commission, Jerusalem, before March 5, 1952.

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THE PALESTINE DISCOUNT BANK LTD.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1951.
(To the nearest Pound)

1950 IL.	Liabilities	IL.	1951 IL.
	Share Capital Authorized and Fully Paid: 40,000 Ordinary Shares, IL. 5 each	20,000	
914,830	82,600 " " " 10 "	980,000	1,000,000
271,570	Reserves		400,000
1,686,500			1,400,000
	Current, Deposit, Correspondents and other accounts including Income Tax Reserve, dividend payable Feb. 15, 1952 and balance of Profit and Loss Account	21,824,433	
13,216,300			
84,882	Subsidiary Companies, current a/cs	189,439	22,124,482
	Liabilities on account of customers (as per contra):		
2,891,344	Documentary Credits and Guarantees		4,294,891
16,323,435			27,819,473

1950 IL.	Assets	IL.	1951 IL.
	Cash and Banks: Cash in hand and balances with		
5,016,783	Banks in Israel and abroad		4,458,121
1,300,000	Treasury Bills		3,070,000
	Investments: At cost or below, but not exceeding market value:		
702,837	Government Securities		1,784,143
129,205	Other "	228,495	
628,497	Subsidiary Companies	980,776	1,168,271
	Loans, Bills Discounted, Advances		
5,577,440	and other accounts	4,742,444	
	Subsidiary Companies	271,502	5,013,946
	Real Estate: Bank's Buildings and other Property, at cost, less Depreciation		
38,000			35,000
1	Furniture and Fixtures at nominal value		1
	Customers' Liabilities (as per contra):		
2,891,344	Documentary Credits and Guarantees		4,294,891
16,323,435			27,819,473

Separate provision in Section 107 (5) of the Companies Ordinance, 1929. The Profits of the Subsidiary Companies were included in the Bank's accounts insofar as dividends were received in the financial year.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE PALESTINE DISCOUNT BANK LTD.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account annexed thereto, dated the 31st December, 1951, which have been made and transmitted to us, and obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from our examination thereof.

The said Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account are in agreement with the books of account, and in our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the Bank's affairs as at December 31, 1951 and the Profit and Loss Account gives a true and fair view of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended on that date.

January 31, 1952.

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For the Board of Directors
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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Casa'as	72	1	10	19
Nathanya	66	9	18	21
Tel Aviv Port	79	10	15	18
Lydda Airport	79	4	13	18
Jerusalem	60	3	9	11
Beersheba	66	7	12	13

Forecast: Fair, except for temporary morning cloudiness.

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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2,000 tons of sugar and 500 tons of potatoes are being unloaded in Haifa Port.

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About IL.1,000 worth of fireval was stolen from a store in Salame Road in Jaffa on Tuesday night. . . Shimon Rabia, of Beersheba, was detained when allegedly caught with IL.2,000 worth of silk of Arab origin.

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IL.300 damage was caused when a four-year-old boy kicked over a kerosene stove which started a fire in his home in Jaffa yesterday.

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Five hundred kilograms of soap, cartons of red pepper and 95 kilograms of oil, were discovered by the Customs and Port Police in Haifa yesterday. The goods were confiscated.

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Lydda Airport Hotel and restaurant workers reportedly will go out on a warning strike on Monday if their demand for higher wages is not granted.

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The new telephone number of Rehovot Police Headquarters is 444.

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The Herut Movement yesterday protested to the Jewish Agency Executive against the delay in convening the Zionist General Council.

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Water pipes were stolen on Tuesday night from a settlement in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Nat'l Insurance Bill Passes 1st Reading

The National Insurance Bill passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday and was sent to the parliamentary Labour Committee for further action.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, in her closing speech noted that the House unanimously approved of the Bill's principle and that all parties shared the view that the State could afford the heavy financial burden.

To those who had argued that the Bill hardly proposed anything new, Mrs. Myerson said that the best way to start was to develop and expand what was already in existence. In determining the types of insurance, the Government had taken into account its economic resources, what was already available in certain areas and which spheres were neglected.

She said health insurance should be one of the next steps, but inasmuch as a large part of the population was in any case already insured in Sick Funds, it was not as urgent for instance, as pensions for orphans and widows.

The Knesset yesterday also passed the first reading of an amendment to the Maritime Court Law providing that the District Court in Haifa should be the Admiralty Court, instead of the High Court in landlocked Jerusalem.

The law also permits the court to move to other cities when necessary.

EXAMS OVER

The 16 students of the first class of the Hadassah Hotel Management School yesterday completed their practical examinations when for the third day they planned, prepared and served meals to a group of judges and invited guests at the Alice Seligsberg School in Jerusalem. The catering teacher was Mr. Y. Nikolai who received experience abroad.

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Ration News

JERUSALEM: Cabbage: 250 grams. Kaf 24, visitors 47, zone 1. Potatoes: 500 grams, 722/3, all zones. TEL AVIV: Sick persons: tomatoes, 500 grams, Het Aleph, Bet or Gimel, numbers 2, 5, 6 respectively. Expectant mothers: poultry, 1 kilo, Heh 3 and 4 or coupon Gimel or Dalet (old cards).

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: 4, Zayin 17, visitors 6. Expectant mothers: Poultry, 500 grams each on coupon 3 and 4 or Tet and Kaf (old cards); eggs (February ration) 8. Sick persons: poultry, 500 grams, Het Aleph, Bet or Gimel, numbers 1, 3, 5, respectively. Cabbage: 250 grams, Kaf 24, visitors, 29. Cauliflower: 250 grams, Kof 14, visitors, 47. Green onions: 100 grams, Kaf 34, visitors, 38.

HAIFA AND SAMARIA: Butter: 50 grams, Gimel, Dalet and Heh, Peh 31, Ayin 1 and Samech 2, respectively. Expectant mothers: meat, 1 kilo, Aleph and Bet, or numbers 3 and 4, of new cards; bananas, 500 grams, Dalet 3, 28 (new cards). Persons who do not take up their meat ration may receive 2 egg against Gimel 22, Eggs: 4, Zayin 17. White flour: 500 grams, Tet 1, visitors, 22. Laundry soap: half cake: Aleph, one cake, 2/7. Toilet soap: 1 cake, 298, visitors, 11; Aleph, 2 cakes.

Applications for new supplementary Food Ration cards for physical labourers must be submitted between February 17 and 29, the Ministry of Commerce announced yesterday.

Personal Notices

MOSHE and ALICE SHALVI (nee Margolioth) are happy to announce the

Birth of a Son

on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1952 (Shevat 17) at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem. 19 Rehov Alfasi, Jerusalem

ZIPORA and GUSTAV LIEBLING are happy to announce the birth of a son and a

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and beg to invite all relatives and friends to the BRITH MILA which will take place on Saturday, February 16, 1952, at 12 noon at their parents' home, 1 Rehov Shaar Hen (near the Post), Tel Aviv Ein Gedi Hospital, Tel Aviv. Feb. 8, 1952.

Fruitful Experiments On Negev Dams

By Robert Gary

A IL.1m. allocation to build four or five big dams in the Negev and Galilee, following the successful experiments with two smaller Negev dams, has been requested by the Water Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The new projects, which would be completed during the 1952-53 budgetary year, would hold from one to two million cubic metres of water. The two existing dams have a capacity of 180,000 cubic metres.

During continuous tests carried out at the two dams, it was determined that the quality of the water was excellent. It had been feared that its salinity would be high, precluding its use in agriculture. It was found, instead, that the saline content was lower than well water.

Another important lesson learned from the two experimental dams was that local materials are satisfactory to the construction of the walls, thus reducing the cost. The new structures will also utilize these cheaper materials. The techniques of dam-building were learned by young engineers and technicians, who worked from plans drawn up by Mr. A. De Leeuw, Director of the Water Department, and the office's engineer, Mr. J. Saidoff, both of whom will head the work on the new projects.

Both Negev dams are full and the water will be used for irrigation next spring and summer. Tests will be made to determine the amount of seepage and loss from evaporation.

No News On Locusts Here

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Ministry of Agriculture had no information of any locusts in Israel this morning, despite Jordan press reports that swarms had been seen entering the "Little Triangle" two days ago.

The Ministry was informed today by the Locust Control Centre in London that swarms of locusts were moving from Africa towards the Kuweit area and Iraq.

It is understood that a very large area in Jordan has been affected by locusts in the past few days.

Two Israel Scientists To Study in U.S.

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Two Israel scientists, Dr. David Ginsburg and Dr. H. Eisenberg, left today for the U.S. to continue research begun at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot.

Dr. Ginsburg, recipient of a National Cancer Institute fellowship, will be working at Harvard University, and Dr. Eisenberg will carry on his research on polyelectrolytes at Yale University. Both men will be in the U.S. for about a year.

Brahm's 'Requiem' Gets Premiere

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—The Ohel Shem Hall here was packed tonight for the first performance in Israel of the Brahms' "Deutches Requiem" which was sung in German by the Tel Aviv Chamber Choir and the Kol Yisrael Orchestra conducted by Mr. D. Lustig. The soloists were Lotte Laufer and Bezalel Shari.

No Agreement On Efficiency Boards

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Representatives of the Ministry of Labour, the Histadrut, and the Manufacturers' Association who met here today, failed to reach agreement on establishment of joint management-labour efficiency boards in industry.

It is understood that such boards were suggested for plants with over 50 employees. The meeting was adjourned until next week.

SNOW STORMS BLOCK SYRIAN ROADS

Severe snow storms paralyzed major road communications in Syria, "Falastin," the Old City daily, reported yesterday. The roads from Damascus to Beirut, Aleppo and Hamma were cut.

In Jordan, heavy snow fell in Amman, Ramallah, and Hebron. The Amman-Old City road was blocked, the paper said.

A house in Hebron which was struck by lightning, collapsed. Two other houses in the old city of Hebron were completely damaged when their roofs fell in.

One Thing Led To Another

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM) — David Kopler, 50, asked the police to call a friend of his to stand bond when he was arrested in Rehov Ben Yehuda yesterday while allegedly in possession of 90 eggs and six kilograms of onions.

Obliging, the police went to the home of Mr. Erwin Deutch at 24 Rehov Geulah. There they reportedly found three bales of suiting for which Deutch and David Friedman and Moshe Weidenfeld who were with him, were detained. Martha Chick, who was also in Deutch's house, was charged when nylons and suiting were found in her home.

Deutch and Mrs. Chick were later released in IL.1,000 bail, while Friedman and Weidenfeld were remanded in custody for 15 days. The man who started the wheels turning, Kopler, managed to find someone else to put up the IL.200 bail for him.

Military Court Sentences For Smuggling

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — Caught in a tricycle convoy while smuggling goods from Hebron, six Beersheba residents were tried and sent to prison by the Summary Military Court here today. When sentence was announced, womenfolk of the accused created a disturbance and had to be removed by police.

The six men were charged with smuggling six bales of linen and two sacks of onions. Shalom Karadi and Leon Naim were given six months sentences and fined IL.150, and IL.80, respectively, while Bruno Karadi, David Shatil, Naim Zadik and Ezra Matityahu were sent to prison for four months and fined sums ranging from IL.20 to IL.60.

The same court sentenced three marauders from Egypt to six months in prison, and an Israel Beduin to two months for crossing into Hebron and returning. Shlomo Cohen, 62, of Haifa, and Halil Nasia, 25, a Druze from Nazareth, were sentenced to three months imprisonment and fined IL.40 each for entering a restricted military area.

Arab Farmers Need Co-op's Sale Permit

Farmers of 18 Arab villages in Galilee need written permits from the Bustan Hacarmel Cooperative to transport and sell their produce, the High Court ruled yesterday when it upheld an Order of the Food Controller. The cooperative is the only group in the area authorized to issue such licences.

The farmers claimed that the cooperative's monopoly is to their disadvantage. In addition to having to sell their produce at certain specified times and places, they charged they were also paid less than Jewish farmers. The cooperative also took a commission, they alleged.

The Government admitted that a discrepancy existed between the wholesale prices paid Arab and Jewish farmers. The Government, however, made a profit since the retail price for Arab and Jewish produce was the same. The profits were used on cultural and economic projects in Arab villages, it was said.

Suspicions of Food Controller Enough

The Food Controller's suspicions that sunflower seeds used in a roasting factory were bought on the black market and that soap was being made illegally, was good enough reason to refuse further supplies to a factory owner, the High Court ruled yesterday in setting aside an order nisi.

Mr. Badout Arasi'an, whose licence has not been renewed, argued that he had never been brought to court on suspicion of illegal soap production.

He also showed that the Food Controller was uncertain whether some of the sunflower seeds found in the factory were part of the official allocation or had been bought on the black market.

The Court was composed of Justices Olshan, Agranat and Silberg.

'CHASES' HIMSELF

HAIFA, Wednesday.—Detected by a woman while robbing her attic in the building where The Post's Haifa office is located, a 20-year-old soldier was arrested yesterday afternoon.

The soldier joined in the hue and cry of his own chase, shouting "stop thief" together with his pursuers, but failed to fool his intended victim, Mrs. Simha Shlomo.

'Davar' and 'Hador' Being Sued

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITIM) — Claims for damages against the "Davar" and "Hador" daily papers have been filed with the District Court here by Dr. Azriel Carlebach, the Editor of "Ma'ariv," the afternoon daily.

Dr. Carlebach is seeking IL.20,000 from "Hador" and IL.10,000 from "Davar" for publishing statements on January 4 and 6 which, he claims, alleged that he had tried to obtain German machinery for his paper while, at the same time, he was writing against German reparations.

Saying the statements were "untrue," Dr. Carlebach claims that the articles in question damaged his and the paper's reputation.

Iraqi Youths 'Innocent'

"No crime was committed in this case," the Iraqi defence counsel, Abdul Emir Abu Turab, said in his summing up in the case of the two Jewish youths who were sentenced to death in Baghdad recently on charges of having thrown bombs and other explosives, according to the Baghdad daily, "A-Shaab." The other accused were also innocent, the defence counsel reportedly asserted.

The prosecution tried to produce evidence that the youths had conspired to get hold of confidential state documents for the purpose of espionage. These "documents" contained information generally available, such as names of members of parliament, political party leaders, biographical notes on cabinet ministers and data on the social and economic conditions in Iraq, the counsel declared.

This information, the advocate added, was available to any one of the thousands of Jews who left the country, who include high Government officials, merchants and even members of parliament and of the armed forces. They know more about Iraq than these two youths could possibly uncover in many years of seeking, he reportedly said.

Manslaughter Charge For Wall Collapse

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Shlomo Zeiman, 52, owner of the house that collapsed in LaGuardia Street on Monday, and his son Ze'ev, 20, were charged with manslaughter by the Tel Aviv Magistrate today. They were remanded for 15 days.

A one-year-old girl was killed and 12 other persons were injured when masonry from a third-storey wall under construction crashed down onto a nearby wooden house.

Two Sisters In Double Wedding

KFAR BLUM, Wednesday. — Hundreds of kibbutz members from three settlements will gather here for the double wedding of two sisters tomorrow night. The girls, Misses H. and L. Pearlman, are members of Kfar Hanassi and Bet Ha'emek, respectively, and they are marrying two Kfar Blum men, Asher Tarmon and Emanuel Vilensky.

The brides are sisters of Mr. Moshe Pearlman, Director of the Government Information Services.

Secondary School Fees Up 25%

Tuition fees in all secondary schools will soon go up by 25 per cent, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday.

The schools claim that the increase is a result of teachers' higher salaries and rising overhead costs, while Government contributions to secondary school budgets remain low, it was said.

Some schools have already informed parents of the increase and the others will do so shortly.

REPAIRS TO PIPES IN NO-MAN'S-LAND

Jordan and Israel sanitary inspectors who met at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem on Tuesday decided to send out an equal number of Municipal workers from both sides to repair drainage pipes in the no-man's-land area, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reported yesterday. Work is to begin tomorrow. The pipes were damaged during the recent floods.

Vatican Body Hits Razing of Ikrit

VATICAN CITY, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Church in its bulletin criticized the Israel Government for destroying the village of Ikrit, on the Lebanese border, whose 500 Catholic inhabitants were forcibly evacuated three years ago.

The bulletin, however, praised the Israel High Court for ruling that the villagers should be allowed to return home.

The Israel military authorities, the Congregation said, replied by razing the village last Christmas Day. Soldiers blew up the Catholic schools and the priest's residence, "and even the church appears to be in ruins," the bulletin declared.

(In a Knesset debate on this question on January 16, Mr. Ben Gurion denied that churches had been dynamited in the village. The only church there, far from being demolished, was repaired by the army, he said.)

Warning on Flights Over Israel

A number of foreign aircraft have made several flights over Israel recently, an Army spokesman announced yesterday in Tel Aviv.

All military and civilian aviation authorities concerned have been informed that Israel will not tolerate infringements of her sovereignty and that she will use every means at her disposal to stop these illegal flights, the spokesman added.

4 ITALIAN DIVISIONS IN ATLANTIC ARMY

ROME, Wednesday (Reuter).—Italian Defence Minister Pacciardi announced last night that by the end of this month Italy will have placed four infantry divisions and three specialized brigades at the disposal of General Eisenhower's Atlantic army in Europe.

Italy has promised to contribute 12 fully-equipped divisions to the European army within the framework of the Atlantic Pact. The speed at which the remaining divisions will be completed is expected to be decided at next week's Lisbon meeting of the Atlantic Council.

GRANT.—The British Government has announced a grant-in-aid of £2,300,000 for Jordan.

President Weizmann Sends Wreath

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A black-ribboned wreath for King George's funeral was sent to London in the name of President Weizmann today.

The wreath, of lilies, gladioli and laurel leaves was made by Opera Flowers of Tel Aviv and was put aboard a BOAC plane. The wreath bore the legend: "From the President of the State of Israel" in Hebrew and English.

Last Mourners View Body of Late King

LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — Some 30,000 persons waited silently in the snow today to file past the body of King George, lying in state in Westminster Hall.

The total of 76,000 who had filed past the catafalque by the time the great oak doors closed early this morning was expected to be exceeded by today's mourners.

Queen Elizabeth today received Prime Minister Churchill and other statesmen at Buckingham Palace to accept Parliament's "humble address" of sympathy and loyalty.

The Duke of Windsor, believed to be Britain's only ex-King to attend his successor's funeral, will walk immediately behind the Queen's carriage in Friday's procession, it was learned here today. The Duke returned to Britain today.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson arrived here by plane today to attend the funeral.

Bidault: Europe Army Risky But Necessary

PARIS, Wednesday (Reuter). — Defence Minister Georges Bidault said tonight the European army implied risks for France, but far greater risks would be involved if France resisted the present plan. He was speaking during the final stage of the three-day debate in the National Assembly.

Before the debate continued today, French parliamentary leaders were trying to draft a compromise motion which would confirm the general principle of a European army, but at the same time take in account the Socialist and other deputies' hesitations.

The 101 Communists and the 120 Gaullists formed the hard core of opposition to the European army in the Assembly, and the Coalition Government depends on Socialist support for the plan.

Premier Faure and Foreign Minister Robert Schuman conferred today with leaders of the Socialist, Radical and Moderate Conservative parties to find a suitable compromise formula.

4 Points Remain In Korea Talks

MUNSAN, Wednesday (UP). — The U.N. and the Communists tomorrow need to agree on only four points before turning the Korean truce talks back to the deadlocked discussions on voluntary prisoner repatriation and airfield construction.

One by one, the negotiating Staff officers are ticking off the issues to be included in the agreement on armistice supervision and war prisoner exchange. Today they settled the time-limit for delivering prisoners after the truce. In this the U.N. gave in to the Communists and agreed to a 60-day limit, despite having 132,000 prisoners to the 11,559 held by the Communists.

Staff officers are meeting tomorrow to resolve the following four points:

- Monthly ceiling for troop rotation during the armistice.
- Number of ports of entry to be inspected by neutral nations during the armistice.
- The neutral nations which are to carry out behind-lines inspection.
- The functions of the joint Red Cross teams which will assist in the exchange of war prisoners.

Meanwhile, the Communists gave no indication when they would submit new counter-proposals for the post-truce peace conference. The plenary delegations have not met since yesterday, and no meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.

Cables in Brief

AMOK.—A Bulgarian immigrant ran amok yesterday in a hospital in Nazareth, clubbed a wounded soldier to death and then plunged the knife into his heart.

RETURN.—Russian occupation troops in Linz, Austria, returned nine U.S. soldiers to their own authorities after holding them for 38 hours in prison.

BOMB.—A crude bomb, "extremely dangerous" to make because its explosive powder had been tightly packed, was left in the doorway of the West German Federal Constitutional Court here five days ago, the Karlsruhe County Court disclosed on Tuesday.

VISITOR.—Miss Marge Jarvis, Director of the American Fund for Israel Institutions, left New York's Idlewild airport for Tel Aviv on Tuesday to make arrangements for a trip to the U.S. of 24 June graduates of Haifa musical schools.

WINS.—Prime Minister Nehru retained his Parliamentary seat in his home district, Allahbad, by a majority of 174,000 in the Indian general elections.

CONCERTS.—Mr. Yehudi Menuhin left New York by air on Tuesday for a 14-week concert tour of India and Europe.

MINISTER.—The new Israel Minister to South Africa, Mr. Cecil Hyman, arrived in Johannesburg Tuesday night accompanied by his wife and children.

ALLIANCE. — Mrs. Tse-tung sent a message to Generalissimo Stalin saying the alliance between their two countries—two years old yesterday—is an invincible force and a guarantee for victory in the great cause of world peace." The message was broadcast by Peking Radio, heard in London.

LIFTED.—Import restrictions on food and other scarce essential goods will be lifted in Mexico to halt the country's flourishing black markets, the Government announced on Tuesday.

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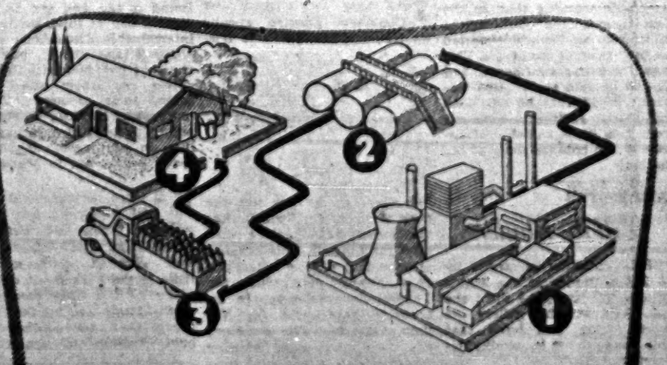

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UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY DIAGNOSIS

World's Problem Unresolved

By MAURICE CARR

PARIS — WORLD civilization was desperately, perhaps mortally sick when the sixth United Nations General Assembly opened here last November. Today, after the close of the General Assembly, the patient is still desperately, perhaps mortally sick.

On a fantastic scale, this General Assembly was rather like a medical consultation attended by 2,000 U.N. delegates from 60 countries in the role of physicians; supported by 3,000 U.N. officials acting as nurses; with 2,000 journalists madly racing to break to the world — the anxious patient — the news of what such specialists as Acheson, Vishinsky, Eden, Schuman and the rest were saying and doing.

It was unfortunate that the would-be healers spent more time insulting than consulting with each other; but it was understandable. For at this remarkable gathering, each medical practitioner was concerned less with the well-being of the body politic as a whole than with the immediate interests of the particular limb or organ whose accredited representative he was. So it came to pass that the Right half of the body, as it were, said to the Left half: "The cancer that is killing us is located on your side. That's where we must operate." "Not at all," replied the Left half. "The cancer is in your flesh. That's where we should operate."

Problems Unresolved

Finally, unable to agree on any radical course of treatment, the General Assembly broke up in the expectation of meeting again next autumn.

All the major international problems were left unresolved. Universal disarmament — by common consent, indispensable to the preservation of the human species - was declared a fit subject for study by a special commission even while feverish rearmament continues unchecked and while final arrangements are made for the remilitarization of Western Germany.

Several resolutions, doomed from the outset to be nothing but dead letters, were adopted with imposing majorities. One of these related to the possibility of holding free democratic elections in all zones of Germany. Israel raised a solitary voice of warning against the perils of premature restoration of sovereignty to an unregenerate Germany.

The Utopian task of elaborating a Covenant to enforce implementation of Human Rights was deferred to the next session.

Billions of Words

Such were the negative results of 92 days of oratory, millions and billions of well-chosen words. It would, however, be unwise, in fact dangerously irresponsible, to overlook the positive aspects of the United Nations performance.

It is significant that from morning to evening, day after day, in all committees and on all possible—and impossible — occasions, the Palais de Chaillot loudspeakers blared forth solemn, hand-on-heart references to the noble, sacred principles of the United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights, often invoked by disputants on diametrically opposed grounds and on behalf of flagrantly unjust causes. Were these mouthings not the beginnings of a new world religion, to which all are ready to pay lip-service; by which few are willing to abide; and in the name of which merciless deeds may be done? Be that as it may, so long as the Charter and Human Rights are thus worshipped, even hypocritically, hope for a better future remains; whereas all is lost when morality is unashamedly, publicly derided, as it was not so long ago, for instance, in Nazi Germany.

Most important of all, the General Assembly upheld the ideal inherent in the organization's very title, the United Nations — that humanity is one and indivisible. Thus countries that are friendly, hostile or indifferent to each other sat together and discussed affairs that were of intimate, remote or no concern to them.

Confronted with the Arab States, Israel was afforded an invaluable opportunity of diagnosing the Arab heart and mind. After the Palestine debate in the U.N. Ad Hoc Political Committee, there can be no two opinions in the matter.

The Arab leaders are imbued with an absolute, unqualified determination to uproot and destroy the Jewish State — if they can! At present they are busy elsewhere, struggling to become their own masters in a vast belt of land stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. They are biding their time. They know that they need to be better organized before they can openly attack.

Arab View

The Arab feudal lords consider that Israel in the Arab world is like a speck of grit in the eye — a speck which must be removed, if its inflammation is not to spread. They will go on regarding the progressive Jewish State as a deadly irritant for so long as the Arab world remains a stagnant backwater of social injustice — and that may be for a very long while indeed.

Although the four Greatest Powers, the United States, Soviet Russia, Britain and France, voted in a manner favourable to Israel, the smallness and above all the uniqueness of the Jewish State — uniqueness in respect of history, religion and all other material and spiritual fundamentals — militate against Israel. If the Great Powers should come to an amicable settlement with the Arab world, then Israel might well have to rely wholly upon its own strength and that of world Jewry for survival. That is one of the lessons of the sixth U.N. General Assembly.

— J.C.P.N.S.

AN UPROAR AGAINST 'OUTSIDERS'

Palestine Officials in Malaya

MR. Donald Charles MacGillivray, Colonial Secretary in Jamaica, whose appointment as Deputy High Commissioner in Malaya has aroused strong criticism there, as already reported in *The Post*, was for many years in the service of the Mandatory Government in Palestine.

Born in 1906 at Edinburgh, Mr. MacGillivray entered the colonial service in Tanganyika in 1929 and was transferred to Palestine in 1938. He served as Private Secretary to Sir Harold MacMichael, became District Commissioner in Samaria in 1943, and was appointed Undersecretary in 1946. In 1947 he was liaison officer to UNSCOP.

The Malaya Federal Legislative Council oppose this appointment because they want an Asian Deputy. But much louder protests are coming from the rubber and tin representatives, and from the Malayan Civil Service — who together make strange bedfellows indeed with the Asians.

Outsider Disliked

The rubber and tin men wanted a "man with local experience," not of course an Asian; in other words the present Acting High Commissioner, Mr. Del Tufo — in Colonial Office parlance "the Officer administering the Government." They knew Mr. Del Tufo and knew that they can rely on him: in the days of Sir Henry Gurney, (late High Commissioner for Malaya, assassinated last year) who often had hard things to say about some aspects of the rubber industry, they found in Mr. Del Tufo a valuable buffer. They do not therefore welcome a man brom outside whose attitude to their special interests cannot be gauged.

Senior officers of the Malayan Civil Service are frankly dismayed. They are "heavily disappointed with the appointment of a man from outside the Service," said the "Straits Times" recently; a British-owned newspaper which speaks for the rubber and tin industries and their friends in the Malayan Civil Service.

These officials regard the appointment as a reflection on their competence. There are many who would agree with them. But more than that: several fear that their jobs may now be in jeopardy for it is a common belief that one of the first things General Templer and his assistants must do in seeking a solution of the Malayan problem is to cut out the dead wood from the cumbersome, overjudged and bureaucratic administrative machine.

Democratic Legislature

It is indeed strange that the important British-owned "Straits Times" which for years had been fulminating against Government feebleness in meeting the emergency should now, as it has for the last few days, conduct an almost hysterical campaign aimed at belittling the new Deputy High Commissioner — by, for instance, contemptuously dubbing him "this man from Jamaica" at every opportunity.

As to the Asian protests, the paradox of their position was hit upon today by an editorial writer of the Chinese-owned "Singapore Standard": "It is time that Federal Councillors woke up to the reality that they are working within a political structure that is essentially colonial, and until this structure is altered they must be prepared to get their faces slapped — and like it . . . They must not pretend to be more than what they are — a nonelected body of persons whose influence with the Government is no more than that of a pressure group . . . This row over the Deputy High Commissioner will, we hope, rouse our Councillors to the fact that what we need at the moment is not an Asian Deputy High Commissioner but a democratically elected Legislature with a greater measure of political power."

MacGillivray

Against the background of experiences in Malaya with policemen from Palestine, there has been an outcry against "yet another man from Palestine." Past service in Palestine is not necessarily a recommendation for employment in Malaya but as the London "Times" correspondent points out: "It is forgotten that police from Palestine bore the brunt of the first wave of terrorism here (in Malaya) and that the late Sir Henry Gurney, another ex-Palestine official, evolved the general strategy which is one of the most intelligent counter-measures to Communism in South-East Asia."

Ironic Dismissal

Meanwhile another official of the Palestine Mandatory Government has been in the news in Malaya: Mr. Alexander Josey, former PBS Controller of News. The correspondent of the London "Times" in Kuala Lumpur reports: "More ill-feeling was caused . . . between administration and administered by the announcement of the dismissal of the chief editor of the Government wireless station, Mr. Alexander Josey. Last year Mr. Josey achieved fame of sorts when his series of weekly broadcasts on Malayan affairs, which he was requested to give by the late High Commissioner, became the most popular talks in the programme among Asian listeners, and copies were placed in the library of the House of Commons. The European community here, however, regarded them as subversive, and they were banned. Now Mr. Josey has been dismissed because, according to the Chief Secretary, he was not fitted for the responsibilities of a senior Government official. Asians will regard his dismissal as an attempt to stifle free and intelligent discussion."

Mr. Josey's dismissal for being "subversive" and favouring local opinion seems somewhat ironic, since during his tour of duty in Palestine, he was continuously under attack from the Yishuv for the hostile tone of his weekly news summaries.

B.M.

VISITORS' GALLERY

Beauty Queen from Britain

PATRICIA Shaw, Anglo-Jewry's 19-year-old beauty queen now visiting Israel, wasn't thinking about her figure when she waved away a plate of cakes at Lydda Airport. "I'm too excited to eat," she explained. "Coming to Israel is something I've wanted all my life. My father, who's a Zionist, said it was just my luck—he's been praying for Israel for years, but I'm here before him."

Pat Shaw

Miss Shaw was one of 180 girls who entered a competition sponsored by the British Federation of Jewish Relief Organizations, the national clothing and food campaign for ma'barot in Israel. The prize consisted of a trip to Israel and a film test. Miss Shaw runs one of her father's dress shops in London.

The beauty queen, whose hobbies are swimming and horse-riding, said that she wanted to see everything she could in Israel.

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KEEPING POSTED

AUSTERITY was legitimately discarded for a few brief hours on Monday, Tuesday and yesterday, on the occasion of the first graduation examinations at the Hadassah Hotel Management School in Jerusalem. The three-day examination consisted of the preparing and serving of three elaborate lunches, and it was run on the principle that the proof of the pudding is in the eating. None of the guests invited to attend this ceremony regretted having been used as guinea-pigs, for there was a variety of most oriental splendour, and every dish was well-cooked and attractive. Despite elegant French disguise and delicious make-up several of the treats on the menu in the end stood revealed as such familiar items as fillet of fish, vegetable soup and cauliflower. But the roast veal was the real thing, and so was a positively lyrical pineapple cream, followed by hot, strong, fragrant coffee. We hear that the students were all considered to have done very well, and wish them and ourselves that they may not for too long be deprived of the main materials of their trade.

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THE new secretary of the Chamber Theatre speaks no Hebrew, though he is trying hard. As he has not the time to go to an Ulpan he has discovered an ingenious method for himself. This consists of attending all the rehearsals of a Chinese play which the Theatre is producing, in an accurate translation by Nathan Alterman. The secretary sits there every day, listening carefully and at the same time following an English version of the text. Elaborate and somewhat specialized as the method is, it seems to work, and he is getting on quite well. Just recently he has developed doubts. He came into a room where a meeting was taking place and said hopefully: "Shalom aleni! Ma shlomekh, gveret? Hao pu, hao? Shin! Shin!" The meeting gaped for a minute, until the chairman got up and shook the secretary's hand soberly, but visibly impressed. He had heard of people who had learned Hebrew in six months, he said. He had heard of somebody who had learned it in three months. "But this is the first time I have actually seen that somebody has learnt Hebrew and Chinese in three weeks." The secretary has been having to do a little readjusting since. It seems that in the version that is otherwise in flawless Hebrew some of the songs were left in the original Mongolian dialect, and one of the poems in Chinese, just for local colour. He had learnt those by heart too.

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A custom is growing in Tel Aviv of taxi drivers picking up a second and a third fare as they go, and then charging each passenger the full price. We are not taking this up here as a matter of principle, for it has certainly also been practised abroad at a time of taxi shortages, but it can lead to rather curious situations. This one started when a woman met a neighbour in the street. As they stopped to pass the time of day they discovered they were going to the same destination. The neighbour said he was going to take a taxi in any case, would she join him? They found a car and got in, and started one of those polite and interminable discussions about whether she should pay her share or not. Suddenly the taxi driver cut them short and solved their problem. "You're only riding together by chance, and you'll both have to pay the fare in any case." It should teach people not to argue.

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WE were invited by a little girl to attend her dolls' tea-party. She set out her small cups and saucers, rather chipped, with a nice little round fish for a centre-piece with a little mound of white stuff on it, the only thing that her mother had been willing to spare her from the kitchen. Round this she gathered the dolls, each leaning over groggily in a different direction. As she offered the dish to the dolls in turn she began to discuss her cake, in the approved tea-party manner. "It's a very good cake. I'll tell you the recipe. You hardly have to put anything into it. You don't need any flour or butter or eggs or sugar or anything like that, just a little salt."

Today's contributors include P. H. Labanckin, E. A., and J. Szych, all of Tel Aviv.

Points From Letters

COMMUTERS COMPLAINT. — Last year people living in Haifa Bay had a train service which enabled them to reach their places of employment in Haifa by 4 a.m. This train has been discontinued, and bus facilities are intolerable. People travelling daily from Kiryat Motzkin to Haifa would be grateful for a reply from the Railway Authorities.
Haifa. E.C.

DISTRIBUTION. — I learned from my greengrocer that the distribution of unrationed fruits and vegetables will again start in the morning and rationed goods in the afternoon. As this system is to the disadvantage of the working housewife, I suggest that this order be amended.
Jerusalem. Alisa Kanan

COURAGEOUS DEED. — I would like to express my gratitude to members of Yatour Taxi Company for risking their lives to put out a fire in my home. Thanks to their unselfishness a serious disaster was avoided.
Tel Aviv. A. Rosengart

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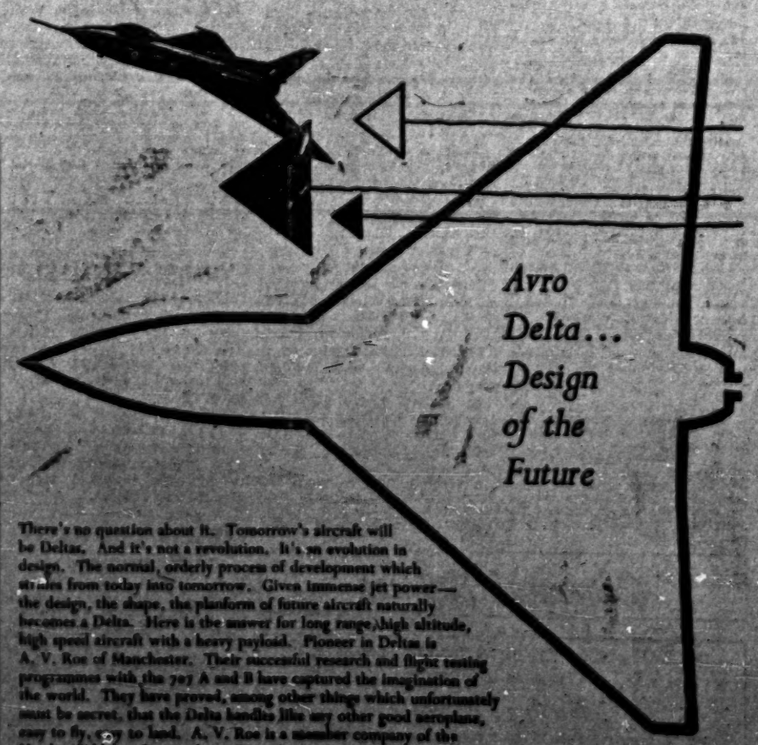

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